

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government to examine the role, responsibilities, and resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on oversight of futures and derivatives markets in energy and agriculture, after receiving testimony from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman, Commodities Futures Trading Commission; Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Terrence A. Duffy, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; James Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., New York, New York; and Charles A. Vice, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES AND TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held a hearing to examine the origins of aggressive interrogation techniques, focusing the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody, receiving testimony from Richard L. Shiffrin, former Deputy General Counsel for Intelligence, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel J. Baumgartner, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Former Chief of Staff, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Jerald F. Ogrisseg, former Chief, Psychology Services, 336th Training Group, United States Air Force Survival School, Alberto J. Mora, former General Counsel, United States Navy, Rear Admiral Jane G. Dalton, USN (Ret.), former Legal Adviser to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Diane E. Beaver, USA (Ret.), former Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Task Force 170/JTF Guantanamo Bay, and William J. Haynes, II, former General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and regional solutions to developing transmission for renewable electricity resources, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Stephen J. Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Bryce Freeman, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Cheyenne; Gary Hanson,

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre; T. Boone Pickens, BP Capital, Dallas, Texas; Richard Halvey, Western Governors Association, Denver, Colorado; William Kaul, Great River Energy, Maple Grove, Minnesota; and Don Furman, American Wind Energy Association, Washington, D.C.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1774 and H.R. 3022, bills to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, S. 2255, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, S. 2359, to establish the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission, S. 2943, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, S. 3017, to designate the Beaver Basin Wilderness at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 3010, to reauthorize the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, S. 3045, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and S. 3096, to amend the National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representative Christensen; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Jon Knechtel, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term fiscal outlook of the United States economy, focusing on the federal debt, health care costs, Social Security, and the gross domestic product (GDP), after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental

Protection concluded a hearing to examine international disaster assistance, focusing on policy options, after receiving testimony from James B. Warlick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; James Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Edward C. Luck, United Nations, New York, New York; and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, and Stewart Patrick, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

RUSSIA, IRAN, AND U.S.-RUSSIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Russia, Iran,

and United States-Russian nuclear cooperation from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers by protecting intellectual property, after receiving testimony from Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Brian Monks, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Melville, New York; Mike Rose, Johnson and Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc., Fountainville, Pennsylvania; and Jeff Thurnau, Gates Corporation, Denver, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6274–6288; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1275, 1278–1280 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2964, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–712);

H.R. 3702, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery (H. Rept. 110–713);

H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System (H. Rept. 110–714);

H.R. 5511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado (H. Rept. 110–715);

H. Res. 1150, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack

and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–716);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5781, to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (H. Rept. 110–624, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1276, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5876) to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs (H. Rept. 110–717); and H. Res. 1277, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (H. Rept. 110–718).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Captive Primate Safety Act: H.R. 2964, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 302 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 414; **Pages H5417–21, H5457**

Montana Cemetery Act of 2008: H.R. 3702, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to